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Nintendo's Mario and Luigi Celebrate Redmond at Derby Days

Redmond, WA – The City of Redmond would like to announce that Nintendo's Mario and Luigi will be the official Grand Marshals of the 2016 Derby Days Parade. Derby Days celebrates many aspects of Redmond including having its local restaurants, artists, breweries, and businesses play a role in the festival's friendly competitions and activities. This year's festival theme is *Ready, Set, GO* which highlights the historical roots of Derby Days as a celebration filled with contests, games, and bike races.

"Nintendo has been a great community partner for many years. That's why it's so exciting to have Mario and Luigi as Grand Marshals of this year's parade," said Mayor John Marchione. "We appreciate the strong support of our local business community to help make Derby Days a success every summer."

"Mario and Luigi are thrilled to help celebrate the City of Redmond – the community Nintendo of America has proudly called home for more than three decades – in this fun, family-oriented Redmond Derby Days festival," said Flip Morse, Senior Vice President, Corporate Resources at Nintendo of America.

For more details on taking photos with Mario and Luigi at Redmond Derby Days, please visit www.redmondderbydays.com.

"Every year a Grand Parade Marshal is chosen with thought and intention. We want someone who represents Redmond, fits the festival theme, and is loved by the community. We are so excited about our Grand Marshals this year," states Rachel Van Winkle, Event Manager.

For questions and more information contact Rachel Van Winkle, Events and Marketing Administrator, at rvanwinkle@redmond.gov or 425-556-2360. This press release is available on www.redmond.gov.

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